

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 5, between lines 17-19 of the specification with the following:

The optical component obtained according to the invention is a spherical lens, an ~~(a)spherical lens~~ aspherical lens, a lens array, a prism, a grating or another relief structure for optical applications, or a combination thereof, wherein the replica is characterized in that it is not birefringent.